

Grant Newsletter — September 2000

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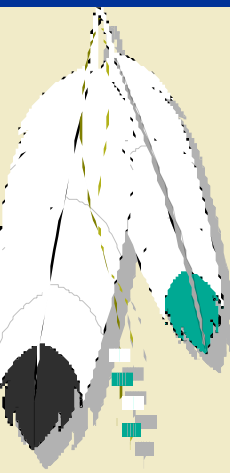


September 29, 2000: Department of Commerce, Minority Business Development Agency. The MBDA has released two separate RFP's: 1) New and enhanced Minority Business Development Centers and 2) New and enhanced Native American Business Development Centers. These centers are intended to provide general business assistance to minority-owned (or Native owned) companies in various markets throughout the U.S. Eligible applicants include: for-profit and non-profit organizations, state and local government entities, American Indian Tribes, and educational institutions. Applications must be postmarked by September 29. For further information, please call 1-888-838-4757.



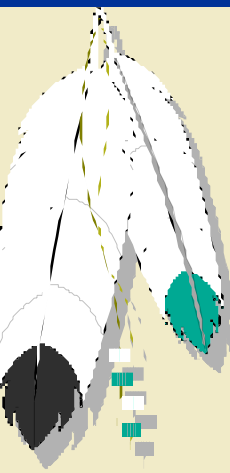
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October 10, 2000: Department of Education, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services. The Department of Education is proposing to add a competitive preference of up to 10 points to 11 competitions. Among these competitions is the Vocational Rehabilitation Service Projects for American Indians with Disabilities. This competitive preference would be for applications which include "effective strategies for employing and advancing in employment qualified individuals with disabilities as project employees in projects awarded under these programs." Comments are due October 10, 2000. For further information, please contact Ann Queen at (202) 205-8285 or ann_queen@ed.gov

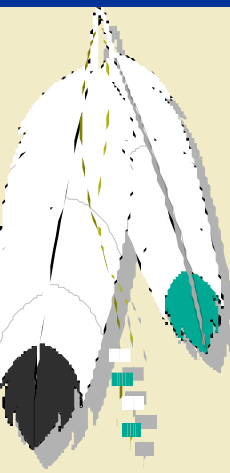




October 13, 2000 - Administration for Native Americans: Social and Economic Development Strategies. ANA funds projects in a number of areas, including governance, social development and economic development. Pending appropriations, ANA estimates that \$14 million will be available to fund approximately 120 grants ranging from \$20,000 to \$1,000,000. Other closing dates include January 26, 2001; May 4, 2001; and May 11, 2001 (Alaska Only). To get a copy of the program announcement and/or application kit or to request technical assistance, please call 1 (888) 838-4757.

October 14, 2000 - Department of Health and Human Services: 2001 Job Opportunities for Low Income Individuals (JOLI). The purpose of this program is to help create employment opportunities for certain low-income individuals. Organizations eligible to apply must be able to show a 501(c)(3) exemption as a non-profit organization. The total amount available for funding is estimated at \$5.5 million, with a \$500K maximum per project. For further information, please call (202) 401-5282 and reference CFDA # 93.5317.



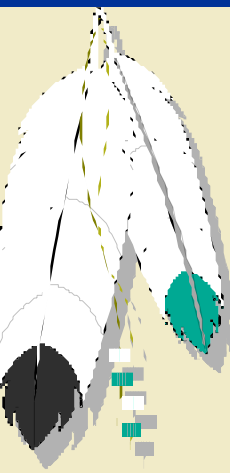


October 20, 2000: Department of Education, Office of Bilingual and Minority Language Affairs. Comprehensive School Grant proposals are due October 20, 2000. Note: This competition is for "dual language" projects. The regular Comprehensive School Grants should be due later this fall or winter. Estimated average awards is \$250,000, with an estimated 50 total awards. For further information, please contact Lorena Dickerson at (202) 205-9044 or Lorena_Dickerson@ed.gov or Margarita Ackley at (202) 205-0506 or Margarita_Ackley@ed.gov.

October 20, 2000: Department of Education, Office of Bilingual and Minority Language Affairs. Program Development and Implementation Grant proposals are due October 20, 2000. Note: This competition is for "dual language" projects. The regular Program Development and Implementation Grants should be due later this fall or winter. Estimated average awards is \$150,000, with an estimated 50 total awards. For further information, please contact Ursula Lord at (202) 205-5709 or Ursula_Lord@ed.gov or Trini Torres at (202) 205-0719 or Trini_Torres@ed.gov

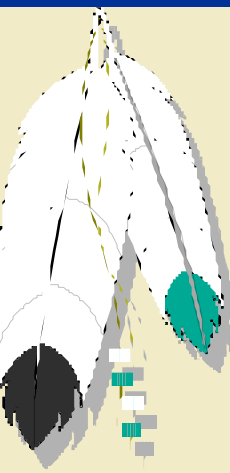
Teaching Indigenous Languages Web-site - It has more that 50 full text papers related to the promotion and teaching of indigenous language and includes ideas that might be used in ANA grant applications. The URL is: <http://jan.ucc.nau.edu/~jar/TIL.htm>





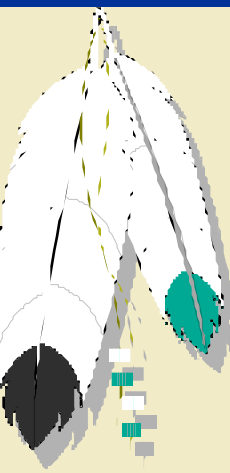
Charlotte Martin Foundation Funds Education in Western States - The Charlotte Martin Foundation, which mostly funds private, now supports K-12 public schools in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Arizona, California, and Alaska. Grants support basic curricula in art, language, math, literature, and science. Projects should be school-based and designed to enhance student achievement while developing and enriching teachers. Select capital campaigns and endowments are eligible. Grants range between \$1,000-\$100,000, but generally are in the \$5,000-\$50,000 range. Managing Committee members must solicit larger grants. Last year, the foundation funded 17 different schools, with grants ranging between \$3,500-\$25,000. For further information, please call (206) 358-0648.





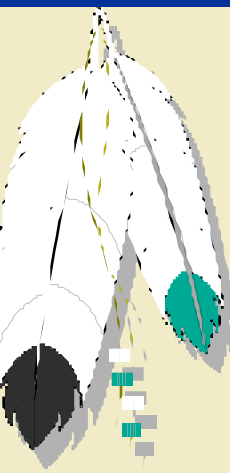
Senate Bill Paves Way For Indian School Construction Initiatives - Tribal school facilities - many inadequate and dangerous - are getting a welcome funding boost from proposed Senate legislation. The Indian School Construction Act (S 2580) would initiate a bond program by which tribal schools could receive as much as \$75 million per year for school facility construction, renovation, and modernization. The bill - cosponsored by Senators Johnson (D-S.D.), Bingaman (D-N.M.), Daschle (D-S.D.) and Inouye (D-Hawaii) - gives tax credit to bond investors, allowing tribes to essentially get more "bang for the buck" from their school construction dollars. Everyone needs to remember "this bill will have a national effect by ensuring our children have a safe place to go to school," says John Whirlwind Horse, Dakota Area Contact Tribal Schools president, at a bill briefing. Not only does the bill provide money, but it gives tribes the chance to make sure the buildings are culturally and climactically relevant, he says. The bill is not an appropriation, but "an enhancement of appropriations," says Jeff Seidel, Parkway Muni Resources president. He says if tribes can get \$30 million in bond investment, they can they can leverage \$75 million in construction by placing the money in escrow for maturation. The Internal Revenue Service is authorized in the bill to provide investors with tax credits for 15 years, a substitute for interest payments. After the 15 years, the entire investment is returned to them. In order to receive a bond allocation from the Interior Department, a tribe must submit to an assistant secretary a plan of construction containing a comprehensive survey and describing how the tribe would ensure the funding was used for its intended purpose in the proposal. The bill initially sets the bonding initiative up as a pilot program. Ideally, as soon as the program is authorized bonds would be issued, "since time is money," says Seidel. No date for a committee hearing has been set, but a letter recommending committee action has been drafted and the bills sponsors are optimistic about its chances. For further information either contact the Committee on Indian Affairs at (202) 224-2251 or Johnson at (202) 224-5842.





New Grant Program Will Fund Native American Research Centers -The Indian Health Service and the National Institute of General Medical Sciences at NH create a new grant program, Native American Research Centers for Health, to provide funding to establish American Indian/Alaska Native research centers. The research centers are intended to encourage competitive research into diseases and health conditions of importance to American Indians, including drug abuse and alcohol related problems. They'll develop interventions to reduce health disparities and allow Indian scientists and health professionals engaged in biomedical, clinical, and behavioral research to compete for NH grants. IHS and NIGMS say applicants should develop partnerships with academic research centers and universities in preparation for applying for a grant. Potential applicants include federally recognized tribes, tribal consortia and nonprofit Indian health organizations sanctioned by tribal governments. It's estimated that \$1.5 million will be available for up to five grants this year, with the same amount available every year through 2004. The program announcement and application guidelines were made available in mid-July, with an application deadline of Dec. 12. Application packages will be sent directly to eligible organizations, such as tribal chairpersons, directors of tribal health departments, and executive directors of Indian health organizations. For further information, please call Dr. William Freeman at (301) 443-0578 or e-mail him at wfreeman@hqe.ihs.gov

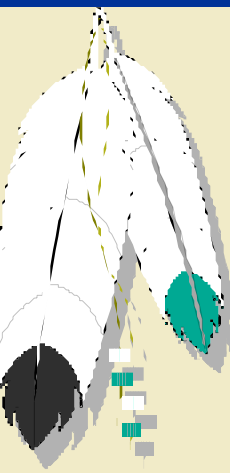




November 1, 2000 - American Honda Foundation: The American Honda Foundation deals with projects that include a focus on job training, math, science, and environmental education. Eligibility includes: nonprofits, including K-12 schools and school districts, education institutions, nonprofit scientific and education organizations, and national programs involved with curriculum development that encourage innovative education methods and techniques. For guidelines, send a SASE to: American Honda Foundation, PO Box 2205, Torrance, CA 90509. If the staff receive preliminary proposals a month before the deadline, they can provide feedback in time for applicants to make changes and still meet the deadline. For further information contact Kathy Carey at (310) 781-4090.

November 6, 2000: Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families. The Office of Child Support Enforcement is solicit applications under the Special Improvement Projects competition. This competition is intended to "further the national child support mission, vision, and goals which are: all children to have parentage established; all children in IV-D cases to have financial and medical orders; and all children in IV-D cases to receive financial and medical support." Among the eligible applicants are tribes and tribal organizations. Applications must be postmarked by November 6, 2000. In order to get the application kit, you may visit www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/cse/ or contact Jean Robinson at (202) 401-5330 or robinson@acf.dhhs.gov. For further information, please contact Susan Greenblatt at (202) 401-4849.

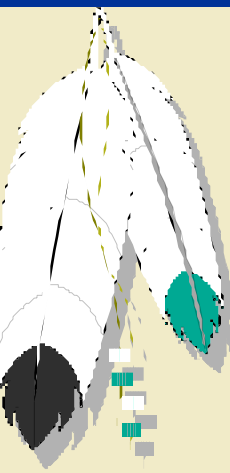




November 15, 2000: Environmental Protection Agency. EPA has issued a solicitation for applications under the Environmental Education Grants Program. Applications must be postmarked by November 15, 2000. Applications requesting \$25,000 or less in federal funds will go to your regional office and Applications requesting more than \$25,000 in federal funds will go directly to the national office. For further information, please call your regional EPA office or 1-888-838-4757.

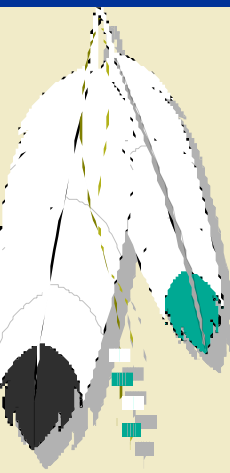
Capture your grant with a sustainable project - When a funding source asks you to address sustainability, I don't think they're looking for an Energizer rabbit reply-you know, this project will keep going and going and going! However, you must assure them that the project will not come to a complete halt the day that the grant period expires. Sustainability can be a tricky issue to address. In order to respond thoughtfully to any question about it, one must have the vision to picture ways that the project activities can be maintained to allow students and teachers to continue benefiting from the positive effects of a project. What this often means, however, is that funding from other sources has to be secured to cover the costs of these activities. And that's where the tricky part emerges. How can you show a funding source that your activities will continue to be implemented with a positive impact after the grant period? Remember, in most cases, it will not be enough to state that you will "pursue other sources of funding" to keep the project going. You must be as specific as you can be about what the possibilities for continued financial support are. As you address sustainability, keep in mind that it's important to let the funding source know you will be working on this from the beginning of the project period. Don't let it fall by the wayside until the last quarter of the project! And finally, if for legitimate reasons your project is time-limited, make sure you explain this to the readers in your proposal so they fully understand. A "not applicable" response is not a good idea!





February 23, 2001 - Administration for Native Americans: Environmental Regulatory Enhancement. ANA funds projects designed to develop tribal environmental programs that are responsive to tribal needs. ANA expects to award approximately 35 grants of up to \$250,000 for the first budget period. Grants may be between 12 and 36 months. To get a copy of the program announcement and/or application kit or to request technical assistance, please call 1(888) 838-4757.





Additional Sources of Federal Grant Information for Tribes

- General Services Administration's Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance internet address: <http://www.cfda.gov>
- United States Department of Agriculture for Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grants internet address: [ww.usda.gov/rus](http://www.usda.gov/rus)
- National Archives and Records Administration for Historic Preservation of Indian Tribal records relating to the history of the U.S. internet address: www.nara.gov
- Department of Commerce for Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Technology (Tribes located in AK, AR, DE, HI, ID, IN, IO, KS, KT, LA, MN, MS, MT, NB, NV, NH, ND, OK, OR, SC, SD, VT, UT, WV, WS and WY) internet address: www.doc.gov

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- National Directory of Foundation Grants for Native Americans internet website: www.crcpub.com



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